GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Domestic Violence Act, 2005 for protection of women has come into effect;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to ensure effective implementation of the Acts in various States;

(c) steps taken to create awareness among the people; and

(d) the number of cases registered so far in various States under the Act?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (No. 43 of 2005) has come into force on 26th October, 2006.

(b)&(c) The Ministry of Women and Child Development has advised all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to take immediate steps as per the Act to

(i) appoint Protection Officer(s) in each district and provide them with necessary infrastructure;

(ii) invite applications from service providers and register them after due verification;

(iii) publish the names and addresses with telephone numbers of the Protection Officers and service providers prominently in news papers and put the information on the website of the State Government; and

(iv) give wide publicity to the provisions of the Act.

(d) As per the information received so far from the State Governments, 8 cases have been registered in Punjab.